

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to the process for the preparation of compounds of formula (I) or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts

5 Formula I

The novel compounds

(i) 10,11-Anhydro-2',4''-di-O-benzoyl-12-O-imidazolylcarbonyl-6-O-methylerythromycin A of formula (Xa)

Formula (Xa)

10 (ii) 2',4''-di-O-benzoyl-11-amino-11-N-[4-[4-(3-pyridyl)imidazol-1-yl]butyl]-11-deoxy-6-O-methylerythromycin A 11,12-cyclic carbamate of formula (XIa)

Formula (XIa)

(iii) 2'-O-benzoyl-11-amino-11-N-[4-[4-(3-pyridyl)imidazol-1-yl]butyl]-11-deoxy-5-O-desosaminyl-6-O-methylerythronolide A 11,12-cyclic carbamate of formula (XIIa)

15 Formula (XIIa)

(iv) 2'-benzoyl-11-amino-11-N-[4-[4-(3-pyridyl)imidazol-1-yl]butyl]-11-deoxy-5-O-desosaminyl-6-O-methylerythronolide A 11,12-cyclic carbamate of formula (XIIa)

Formula (XIIa)

and their use as intermediates in formation of compound of Formula I. Also the process of preparation of compound of formula (XIIIa).

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Formula (XIIIa)